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Dear Ms. Casey and Mr. Keith:

RE: Review of Final Environmental Impact Statement for First Tier-Future I-70
Kansas City Metro Project, Proposing to Improve I-70 Corridor from East of the
Missouri and Kansas State Line to East of I-470 Interchange, Downtown Central
Business Freeway Loop, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri FHWA-MO-
EIS-10-01-F, MoDOT Job Number: J4I1486B

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the First Tier Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Future I-70 Kansas City Metro Project. Our review is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act 42 U.S.C. 4231, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The FEIS was assigned the CEQ number 20100483.

It appears that all of the suggestions and concerns presented in our DEIS comment letter of May 3, 2010, have been addressed in the FEIS. EPA thanks you for addressing these observations and recommendations.

The vast scope and scale of this project provides significant opportunity to demonstrate sustainable practices in a transportation project. As collaboration with Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and mention of their transportation plans has been noted throughout this document, it is assumed that MoDOT and FHWA are aware of MARC's Transportation Outlook 2040 plan. Because this long range transportation plan has included as part of its approach the consideration of environmental impacts and opportunity for sustainable growth, EPA recommends further collaboration with MARC and accompanying consideration of these important issues in Second Tier studies. For further information regarding Transportation Outlook 2040, please refer to MARC's plan website at <http://www.marc.org/2040/>.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding this project and your FEIS. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 913-551-7565, or via email at tucker.amber@epa.gov, or you may contact Joe Cothorn, NEPA Team Leader, at (913) 551-7148 or via email at cothorn.joe@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber Tucker". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Amber" and last name "Tucker" clearly distinguishable.

Amber Tucker
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